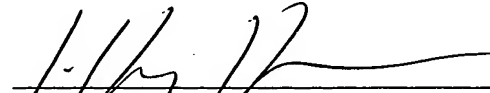


## REMARKS

Applicants request that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination on the merits. Applicant has revised the independent claims to clarify what was intended as a rhodium alloy. The dependent claims 2-16 were revised because they were mistakenly limited to partial oxidation catalysts when the specification clearly indicates that the catalysts are useful for more than partial oxidation, *e.g.*, also steam reforming, dry reforming, oxidative dehydrogenation, and the like. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, or otherwise feels it would be advantageous, he or she is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (713) 223-4312.

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